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Vladimir G. Budker )

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Group Art Unit: 1636 )

Examiner: Daniel M. Sullivan

For: Gene Expression With Covalently Modified Polynucleotides

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002. Kindly amend the application as follows: